

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: A Cattle Prod

Other known title(s): Cattle Prod

OFLC ref: 1800622.038

Medium: Text File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

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Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 10 May 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 10 May 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

'A Cattle Prod' was submitted for classification on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, under s13(1)(ab) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The document clearly presents a straightforward method for the creation and use of an offensive weapon, for the purpose of causing harm to others. As it results in the creation of an offensive weapon, it poses a very high risk of injury and even death to those making it and anyone around them. It promotes and encourages criminal acts to a high extent and degree. The right to freedom of expression has been considered with regard to whether a restricted classification could apply, however the availability of the publication poses a very high risk of injury to the public good, which cannot be mitigated by a restriction. 'A Cattle Prod' is therefore classified as objectionable.